

DRIVING TESTS — BUNBURY AND BUSSELTON

**675. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the decision by the government to privatise the practical driving tests for ancillary heavy rigid and heavy combination vehicles in Bunbury and Busselton.

- (1) Can the minister guarantee that this will not be extended to other classes of licences?
- (2) What conditions have been imposed on the private assessors to prevent corruption?
- (3) Can the minister table the independent assessment done into the trial of the program?

**Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:**

On behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport, I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) There are currently no plans to seek private providers to conduct practical driving assessments for other classes of driver's licence.
- (2) Strict contractual conditions subject assessors to a rigorous compliance and audit regime, including vehicle, site and documentation audits, as well as, if required, the provision of a Department of Transport compliance officer to be present in the vehicle during an assessment. The same individual cannot be both trainer and assessor.
- (3) Documents relating to the assessment are commercial-in-confidence due to third party provider information.